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C O N F I D E N T I A L 0979

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TAGS: ASEC, PINS, PINT, GW, YO

SUBJ: MURDER OF YUGOSLAV CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICE, FRANKFURT

REF: FRANKFURT 0963.

1. YUGOSLAV CONSUL GENERAL VASILJE RADIC DECLINES TO SPECULATE ON IDENTITY OF PERSON WHO KILLED CONUSLAR OFFICIAL EDWIN ZDOVC, FEBRUARY 7, HE NOTES THAT, OF ROUGHLY 80,000 YUGOSLAVS IN THIS CONSULAR

DISTRICT, THERE ARE SOME 50 WELL-KNOWN RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS, AND POLICE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONSIDER THEM PRIME SUSPECTS IN ASSASSINATION. RADIC HAS NOT ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE PROTECTION, WHICH HE SAYS WOULD BE "WINDOW DRESSING" AND WOULD NOT DETER DEDICATED ASSASSIN. POLICE ARE MAINTAINING CONTINUOUS WATCH ON CONSULATE'S PREMISES AND HAVE INCREASED PATROL COVERAGE OF HOMES OF YUGOSLAV CONSULAR OFFICERS.

2. FRANKFURT PRESS QUOTES OBERBUERGERMEISTER RUDI ARNDT, WHO MET WITH YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR BUDIMIR LONCAR AND RADIC EVENING FEBRUARY 7, AS SAYING THAT THE ASSASSINATION APPEARED THE WORK OF A EMIGRE SERBIAN AND CROATIAN POLITICAL GROUP, AND SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS AN ISOLATED INCIDENT BUT RATHER AS A LINK IN A CHAIN OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS IN GERMANY. CONSUL GENERAL REFUSES, HOWEVER, TO SPECULATE IN SUCH DRAMATIC TERMS.

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3. ZDOVC WAS NOT A CAREER CONSULAR OFFICIAL. HE WAS A LINGUIST

(HE WAS A DOCTOR OF PHILOLOGY AND SPOKE ENGLISH AND GERMAN WELL),  
AND HAD BEEN AN OFFICIAL OF THE SLOVAK PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT,  
MOST RECENTLY AS SLOVAK CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. HE CAM TO GERMANY IN  
AUGUST 1972 AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTS WITH THE CITY ADMIN-  
ISTRATION AND GERMAN POLICE ON CRIMINAL INCIDENTS INVOLVING YUGO-  
SLAV CITIZENS, HE WAS SCHEDULED TO TRANSFER SECOND HALF 1976,  
EITHER TO RETURN TO THE SLOVAK PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OR TO ACDEPT  
A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENT IN BELGRADE. BLAKE

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